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Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting Thursday, May 12, 2011

Chairman Roger Klodt opened the meeting with the pledge at 7:00 p.m. Fiscal Officer Mary Rodenbucher read the minutes from the previous meeting. Mike moved to accept the minutes as read. Sue seconded.

RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes. Present: Trustees Roger Klodt, Mike Lang, Sue White, FO Mary Rodenbucher, D. Kolasky, G. Harrison, J. Presley, G. Klag, P. Cernava,

Old Business

Mike spoke about the completion of the offices at the storage building. We received information from the prosecutor's office that we can use the current contractor to complete the offices. Mike presented an estimate from Mudd's for \$71,779 for the completion of Phase 2. Mike feels we should use Mudd's so we have consistency with the builders. Mike feels the estimate is high. Roger agrees, but stated that initially it was for the completion of the office not including electric or plumbing. There was discussion about the estimate. Roger would like to approve pending further discussion with Larry Mudd to go over figures. Sue agrees about using the same contractor. She is concerned about residents questioning the building. Sue stated that it has been planned for several years. Roger stated the original price four years ago was over \$700,000. Roger stated that it was unsafe to go into since some of the poles were rotted. It was decided to replace the building and to include all township offices. The building is constructed to be energy efficient. It will use less energy than what is being used in the house, which in long run will save money. The records room is currently in the block building which is not the safest place. It is also musty which could damage records. There will be a secure place to store the records in the new building. Mike stated our other buildings are full and it is greatly needed. Roger stated that the equipment needs to be kept safe and out of weather. Roger stands behind our decision. We did not waste money. We received a NOPEC grant and built it to be energy efficient. Sue asked if any loan taken out. Mary stated no. Mike and Roger stated we have been saving for this building for many years. Sue would like to have something on the website explaining the reason for the new building. Decision to complete the offices will be tabled until the next meeting. Roger will set up a meeting with Larry.

Mike received two quotes for the fuel building pad. A quote from Mudd's for \$3,300 and a baseline from England's for \$2,250. England's quote included various costs depending on the type of drainage pipes used. The trustees will review the quotes and any discrepancy in the drainage pipes. Mike would like to allocate \$3,400 for the pad. Roger seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Mike spoke about the ball field lights. He asked Dan to contact Angel's attorney and Chris Meduri. Mike stated we received no negative information from Angel's attorney. Mike would like to present the information to the Hot Stove League. Roger stated that it is per Chris Meduri's recommendation. Dan will send a letter to the Hot Stove League.

Mike asked about the playground equipment. Dan has not followed up with anything yet. There was discussion about placement and materials. Dan will check on a delivery date and how long it will take to completely assemble.

Roger is waiting to hear from Dave Polen regarding collaboration of township projects. Roger reminded everyone of our recycle day at the township complex. Roger stated we will take six tires per resident at no charge and will charge \$1.00 for each additional tire up to 20 and \$5.00 for truck or tractor tires. We will also accept appliances and sheet metal. We cannot accept paint or trash. Mary reminded Roger that appliances are to have no freon.

New Business

Mike was contacted by a resident regarding a possible sheriff's office post in southern Portage County. A letter was sent requesting that Randolph Township be considered. We received an immediate response but no decision has been made since the sheriff's office is looking at all requests. Mike spoke about the necessary requirements. Roger and Sue are in favor of this request. Mike will call and set up a meeting. Mike spoke about the passing of Gale Dearnberger. Gale donated much time placing flags at the cemeteries for Memorial Day. He was a veteran and could be counted on to proudly serve the township.

Sue was asked by some residents about the terrible condition of the sidewalks in Randolph. Sue stated that it is the property owner's responsibility. The residents feel the trustees need to make sure they are repaired. Mike

stated that during the installation of the sewer it was not feasible. Mike thought we might be able to repair some of the sidewalk with the loan money, but we need to have a plan. Sue feels we need sidewalks but doesn't know how to go about it. We had an estimate at one time. There was discussion about the township doing the prep work. Mike stated that economically we cannot replace all the sidewalks, but may be able to repair portions. There was discussion about possible solutions. Mike feels it is the last thing in the center that needs to be done. Roger feels we should mark it and see what actually needs to be done. Sue is concerned that some residents may not be able to pay for it. The ORC gives latitude for the township to step in. Roger stated it is our community even if everyone doesn't use the sidewalks. Sue stated that the liability falls to the homeowner, not the township. Roger suggested we investigate the cost.

Roger stated the Memorial Day parade will take place on Monday, May 30. The parade begins at 10 a.m. The pancake breakfast is from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will be hosted by a joint effort of the RFD and the Lion's Club.

Roger spoke about our last meeting regarding Twin Elm Drive and John Street. Roger read a letter from Chief Lang regarding the safety issue of our non-dedicated roads. There was discussion about notifying the residents about maintenance. It was suggested we get an opinion from Chris Meduri regarding the request.

Roger spoke about the township installing the library usage meter for the electric. Cecilia Swanson stated that they would pay for it. Roger received a notice with an estimate of \$1,200. Roger moved to accept the library estimate. Mike seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Mary gave the trustees the April bank reconciliation. She asked if there were any questions. Roger moved to accept the April bank reconciliation. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Mary requested a motion to appropriate receipts 83 – 91 totaling \$60,856.88 and pay warrants 32264 – 32301, EFTs 954 – 960, and voucher 12 totaling \$84,794.30. Sue so moved. Roger seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Dan presented the zoning report. Two permits were issued. Dan reported on the complaints and projects he is working on. The next Zoning Commission meeting is Monday, May 23 at 7 p.m. in the SC. Dan reviewed the hall rental schedule and found that approximately 69 uses qualify for free rentals at this time. Dan suggested charging groups that do not significantly contribute to the township directly \$10 per use. At this point we would have approximately \$700 to help offset the cost of the halls. Roger moved to charge non-profit groups \$10. Sue seconded. Discussion: Roger asked how many people attend the meetings. Dan stated it is hard to have an exact number. Dan does not feel we should charge the service groups which serve the township such as the Lion's Club, Garden Club, and LCA. Dan stated that he is following the rules of non-profit. Roger asked Dan get information on which groups use the facilities and the approximate number of people and review it in June with an effective date of July 1, 2011. Mike agrees we need to do an assessment. Roger withdrew his motion. Sue seconded.

Roger presented the road report in Larry's absence. Roger reported that the road department has been busy mowing, road ditching and repairs. A-Best pest control was able to treat the buildings last week. Larry reported that we need to place our state salt order. Mike moved to approve 700 tons of salt. Sue seconded. Discussion: Mike stated with increase use of salt over cinders we need more. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

After determining the condition of Wilkes versus Aberagg Road, Larry feels we should apply for Aberagg Road for the next OPWC project. Larry and Mary will work on the grant application. There were two funerals with a YTD total of 9.

Public Comment

Paul asked if the township has authority to condemn the sidewalks. Mike stated that based on information we received we do. Paul asked if the resident is unable to pay for it why can't it be put on their taxes or pay for it when they sell it.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Roger Kloft
Mary Rodenbucker